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THE CURRENT ATTACK SITUATION IN KOREA

Enemy forces making an army-size attack against the 5th ROK Division and a regimental-size attack against the 8th ROK Division on 14 and 15 June have penetrated the UN main line of resistance for distances of three miles on the east central front, according to information from the Far East Command. These attacks, supported by record artillery and mortar fire, are continuing and the situation is described as "confused."

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the FEC believes that the present attacks are not the initial stages of a major offensive. The FEC also believes that, while it is probable that the attack will continue and there is some possibility that unexpected successes will be exploited, the enemy nevertheless has important objectives which can be obtained without resorting to a general offensive.

The more prominent of these are to strengthen the Communist position in the arbitration of a demarcation line; to propagandize the effectiveness of the CCF and the fact that the Communists are agreeing to an armistice not because of military necessity but because of a sincere desire for peace; and to push back the UN line to a point which should place the present Communist main line of resistance outside of the demilitarized zone, thus obviating the preparations of new defense positions.

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